

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A portable terminal, comprising:

display means having a display screen;

input operation means for being operated by a user of said portable terminal to input an operation input;

storage means for storing information to be displayed on said display screen;

display control means for reading out information to be used to display on said display screen from said storage means in response to the operation input from said input operation means and controlling said display means to make a display corresponding to the operation input on said display screen based on the read out information;

loading/unloading detection means for detecting loading or unloading of an external storage medium into or from said portable terminal;

authentication means operable when loading of an external storage medium is detected by said loading/unloading detection means for authenticating the external storage medium based on authentication information read out from the external storage medium;

readout means operable when the authentication by said authentication means results in success for reading

out data stored in the loaded external storage medium;  
and

write means for writing the data read out by said  
readout means into said storage means.

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2. A portable terminal according to claim 1,  
wherein the information stored into said storage means  
includes at least information of a displaying font  
corresponding to a used language and the external storage  
medium has at least information of displaying fonts of a  
plurality of languages stored therein, said portable  
terminal further comprising notification means operable  
when the authentication by said authentication means  
results in success for notifying the user of the  
plurality of languages with regard to which the  
information of displaying fonts is stored in the external  
storage medium and selective input acceptance means for  
accepting a selective input of the user from among the  
plurality of languages of which the user is notified by  
said notification means, said readout means reading out  
the information of the displaying font of the language  
designated by the selective input accepted by said  
selective input acceptance means from the external  
storage medium, said write means writing the read out  
information of the displaying font into a storage area

set in advance of said storage means.

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3. A portable terminal according to claim 2,  
wherein said storage means has an essential language font  
storage area and a rewritable language font storage area  
prepared therein, and the information of the displaying  
font read out from the external storage medium is written  
into said rewritable language font storage area.

4. A portable terminal according to claim 1,  
further comprising warning means for issuing a warning  
when the authentication by said authentication means  
results in failure.

5. A portable terminal according to claim 1,  
further comprising radio communication means, and  
reporting means operable when the authentication by said  
authentication means results in failure successively by a  
number of times determined in advance for reporting the  
failure of the authentication to a reporting destination  
set in advance through said radio communication means.

6. A portable terminal according to claim 1,  
wherein said portable terminal is a portable  
communication terminal and further comprises updating  
means operable when the authentication of the loaded  
external storage medium by said authentication means  
results in success for updating the stored contents of

the external storage medium with updating information acquired over a communication circuit.

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7. A portable terminal according to claim 2, wherein said portable terminal is a portable telephone terminal and further comprises means for storing a telephone directory in which destination subscribers and telephone numbers are stored in a corresponding relationship and said storage means further includes a telephone directory font storage area for independently storing information of fonts for the destination subscribers registered in said telephone directory, and said write means writes the information of the displaying fonts read out by said readout means into a storage area of said storage means set as an area other than said telephone directory font storage area.

8. A portable terminal according to claim 3, further comprising means for storing a telephone directory in which destination subscribers and telephone numbers are stored in a corresponding relationship, and wherein said storage means further includes a telephone directory font storage area, and said write means stores only information of the fonts stored in said rewritable language font storage area of said storage means within the information of the fonts of the destination

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subscribers registered in said telephone directory into said telephone directory font storage area.

9. A portable terminal according to claim 7, further comprising means for urging the user to select an unnecessary font when said telephone directory font storage area has no free storage capacity any more, and means for writing information of a font to be used newly into an area of said telephone directory font storage area for the unnecessary font designated with an unnecessary font selection instruction by the user.

10. A portable terminal according to claim 8, further comprising means for urging the user to select an unnecessary font when said telephone directory font storage area has no free storage capacity any more, and means for writing information of a font to be used newly into an area of said telephone directory font storage area for the unnecessary font designated with an unnecessary font selection instruction by the user.

11. A portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein the external storage medium and said portable terminal have a one-by-one verification code, and said authentication means verifies the verification codes of said portable terminal and an external storage medium loaded in said portable terminal.

12. A displaying information management method for a portable terminal for managing stored information of storage means of said portable terminal such that information to be used to display on a display screen is read out from said storage means in response to an operation input through input operation means and display is made on said display screen based on the read out information in response to the operation input, comprising:

a preparation step of preparing an external storage medium in which a plurality of pieces of information are stored as information to be displayed on said display screen;

an authentication step of authenticating, when loading of the external storage medium is detected by said portable terminal, the external storage medium based on authentication information read out from the external storage medium;

a readout step of reading out, when the authentication in the authentication step results in success, data stored in the loaded external storage medium; and

a write step of writing the data read out in the readout step into said storage means.

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13. A displaying information management method for a portable terminal according to claim 12, wherein the information stored into said storage means includes at least information of a displaying font corresponding to a used language and the external storage medium has at least information of displaying fonts of a plurality of languages stored therein, the displaying information management method further comprising a notification step of notifying, when the authentication in the authentication step results in success, a user of said portable terminal of the plurality of languages with regard to which the information of displaying fonts is stored in the external storage medium and a selective input acceptance step of accepting a selective input of the user from the plurality of languages of which the user is notified in the notification step, in the readout step the information of the displaying font of the language designated by the selective input accepted in the selective input acceptance step being read out from the external storage medium, in the write step the read out information of the displaying font being written into a storage area set in advance of said storage means.

14. A displaying information management method for a portable terminal according to claim 13, wherein said

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storage means has an essential language font storage area and a rewritable language font storage area prepared therein, and the information of the displaying font read out from the external storage medium is written into said rewritable language font storage area.

15. A displaying information management method for a portable terminal according to claim 12, further comprising a warning step of issuing a warning when the authentication in the authentication step results in failure.

16. A displaying information management method for a portable terminal according to claim 12, wherein said portable terminal further includes radio communication means, and said displaying information management method further comprises a reporting step of reporting, when the authentication in the authentication step results in failure successively by a number of times determined in advance, the failure of the authentication to a reporting destination set in advance through said radio communication means.

17. A displaying information management method for a portable terminal according to claim 12, wherein said portable terminal is a portable communication terminal, and said displaying information management method further



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comprises an updating step of updating, when the authentication of the loaded external storage medium in the authentication step results in success, the stored contents of the external storage medium with updating information acquired over a communication circuit.

18. A displaying information management method for a portable terminal according to claim 13, wherein said portable terminal is a portable telephone terminal and further includes means for storing a telephone directory in which destination subscribers and telephone numbers are stored in a corresponding relationship and said storage means further includes a telephone directory font storage area for independently storing information of fonts for the destination subscribers registered in said telephone directory, in the write step the information of the displaying fonts read out in the readout step being written into a storage area of said storage means set as an area other than said telephone directory font storage area.

19. A displaying information management method for a portable terminal according to claim 14, wherein said portable terminal further includes means for storing a telephone directory in which destination subscribers and telephone numbers are stored in a corresponding

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relationship and said storage means further includes a telephone directory font storage area, in the write step only information of the fonts stored in said rewritable language font storage area of said storage means within the information of the fonts of the destination subscribers registered in said telephone directory being stored into said telephone directory font storage area.

20. A displaying information management method for a portable terminal according to claim 18, further comprising a step of urging the user to select an unnecessary font when said telephone directory font storage area has no free storage capacity any more, and a step of writing information of a font to be used newly into an area of said telephone directory font storage area for the unnecessary font designated with an unnecessary font selection instruction by the user.

21. A displaying information management method for a portable terminal according to claim 19, further comprising a step of urging the user to select an unnecessary font when said telephone directory font storage area has no free storage capacity any more, and a step of writing information of a font to be used newly into an area of said telephone directory font storage area for the unnecessary font designated with an

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